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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is filed in response to the Non-Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 9, 2005, in connection with the above-referenced patent application. A response to this Action originally was due December 9, 2005. Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time thereby extending the deadline to January 9, 2006. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

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